AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of indicating receipt of a communication, comprising:

registering a first message-indicating device for a user, said device comprising an indicator;

receiving notification of receipt of a first communication directed to the user; and

initiating a first wireless signal to said device;

wherein in response to said first signal, said indicator activates to alert the user; and

wherein said first message-indicating device ~~is typically of rounded square shape with a dimension which is typically .5" long by .5" wide by .3" thick~~ independent from any particular telephone line.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

initiating a second wireless signal to said device;

wherein in response to said second signal said indicator deactivates.

3. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein said second wireless signal is initiated after the user accesses said first communication.

4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said indicator deactivates in response to manipulation of the device by the user.

5. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said registering comprises:

receiving an identification code of said device from the user; and

associating said identification code with one or more types of communications.

6. (canceled)

7. (canceled)

8. (original) The method of claim 5, wherein said first communication is a voice-mail message.

9. (original) The method of claim 5, wherein said first communication is an electronic mail message.

10. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

registering a second message-indicating device for the user; and

initiating said first signal to said second device when said first signal is initiated to said first device.

11. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

registering a second message-indicating device for the user; and

initiating said first signal to said second device when notification of receipt of a second communication directed to the user is received, but not when said notification of said first communication is received.

12. (currently amended) A method of using a message-waiting device to notify a user of receipt of a communication for the user, the method comprising:

receiving a communication directed to a user;

initiating a first electronic signal to a first message-waiting device associated with the user, wherein said first message-waiting device includes an indicator and said first electronic signal is configured to activate said indicator;

providing said communication to said user; and

after said providing, automatically initiating a second electronic signal to said first message-waiting device, wherein said second electronic signal is configured to deactivate said indicator;

wherein said first message-indicating device ~~is typically of rounded square shape with a dimension which is typically .5" long by .5" wide by .3" thick~~ independent from any particular telephone line.

13. (currently amended) A method of indicating receipt of a communication, comprising:

receiving a first wireless signal at a first message-indicating device, wherein said first device includes an alarm;

activating said alarm in response to said first wireless signal; and

deactivating said alarm;

wherein receipt of said first wireless signal indicates that a first communication was directed to a user of said first device; and

wherein said first message-indicating device ~~is typically of rounded square shape with a dimension which is typically .5" long by .5" wide by .3" thick~~ independent from any particular telephone line.

14. (original) The method of claim 13, wherein deactivating said alarm comprises deactivating said alarm in response to a second wireless signal.

15. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein said second signal is received after the user accesses said first communication.

16. (original) The method of claim 13, wherein deactivating said alarm comprises deactivating said alarm in response to manipulation of the first device by the user.

17. (original) The method of claim 13, further comprising registering said first device for activation in response to receipt of one of multiple types of communications including said first communication.

18. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, further comprising:

registering a second message-indicating device for activation in response to receipt of one of said multiple types of communications;

receiving a first wireless signal at said second message-indicating device immediately after said receipt of said first wireless signal at said first device, wherein said second device includes an alarm; and

activating said alarm of said second device in response to said first wireless signal.

19. (currently amended) A computer readable storage medium storing instructions that, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to perform a method of indicating receipt of a communication, the method comprising:

registering a first message-indicating device for a user, said device comprising an indicator;

receiving notification of receipt of a first communication directed to the user; and

initiating a first wireless signal to said device;

wherein in response to said first signal, said indicator activates to alert the user; and

wherein said first message-indicating device ~~is typically of rounded square shape with a dimension which is typically .5" long by .5" wide by .3" thick~~ independent from any particular telephone line.

20. (currently amended) A portable apparatus for indicating receipt of a communication, comprising:

a signal receiver configured to receive a first wireless signal generated after receipt of a communication; and

an indicator configured to activate in response to receipt of said first signal;

wherein said indicator is configured to deactivate in response to a second signal; and

wherein said apparatus is ~~typically of rounded-square shape with a dimension which is typically .5" long by .5" wide by .3" thick~~ independent from any particular telephone line.

21. (original) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein said second signal is a wireless signal.

22. (original) The apparatus of claim 20, further comprising a switch configured to issue said second signal in response to user manipulation.

23. (original) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein said indicator comprises said switch.

24. (original) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein said indicator is a visual indicator.

25. (original) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein said indicator is an audible indicator.

26. (canceled)

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29. (canceled)

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31. (currently amended) A communication waiting indication system comprising:

a first communication waiting indication device associated with a first user, said first device comprising an alarm; and

a notification server configured to issue a first wireless signal toward said first device in response to receipt of a first communication for the first user;

wherein in response to said first wireless signal, said alarm is activated; and

wherein said first message-indicating device ~~is typically of rounded square shape with a dimension which is typically .5" long by .5" wide by .3" thick~~ independent from any particular telephone line.

32. (canceled)

33. (original) The system of claim 31, further comprising:

a second communication waiting indication device associated with the first user, said second device comprising an alarm;

wherein said alarm of said second device is also activated in response to said first wireless signal.

34. (original) The system of claim 31, further comprising:

a second message waiting indication device associated with the first user, said second device comprising an alarm;

wherein said alarm of said second device is not activated in response to said first wireless signal.

35. (original) The system of claim 31, wherein said notification server initiates a second wireless signal toward said first device after the first user acknowledges said first communication; and

wherein in response to said second wireless signal, said alarm is deactivated.